

This is an Addendum to the guidance document “Preparing Your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report: *Revised* Guidance for Water Suppliers” (EPA 816-R-002, April 2005).

Background

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated revisions to the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule as part of the Lead And Copper Rule Short Term Regulatory Revisions and Clarifications, which was published in the Federal Register (72 FR 57781) on October 10, 2007. The revisions require all Community Water Systems (CWSs) to include a statement about lead, health effects language and ways to reduce exposure in every CCR released to the public. Flexibility is given to CWS to write their own educational statement, but only in consultation with the Primacy Agency.

Required CCR Statement

The following language meets this new CCR requirement:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. [Name of utility] is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Effective Date

The effective date for the new CCR lead informational statement will vary depending on when your State adopts the Lead and Copper Rule revisions.

- For systems regulated by EPA (i.e., tribal other than Navajo, WY, DC) and States/Tribes that incorporate by reference using the Federal Register publication date, the effective date is April 7, 2008. The CCR report due July 1, 2009 and after must include the lead informational statement.
- For systems whose State/Tribe adopts the revisions between April 7, 2008 and December 31, 2008, the CCR report due July 1, 2009 and after must include the lead informational statement.
- For systems whose State/Tribe does not adopt the revisions until January 1, 2009 or later, the CCR report due July 1, 2010 and after must include the lead informational statement.

Check with your State to determine when the requirement applies to your water system.